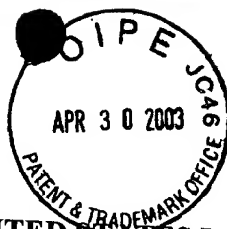




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Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment responsive to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003.

Amendments

Kindly note and amend as follows.

In the Specification:

Please amend the title of the application to read as follows:

METHOD OF MAKING DIMENSIONALLY STABLE COMPOSITE ARTICLE

Please replace the paragraph on line 28, page 15 to line 6, page 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A further utility of the composite article of the present invention is depicted in Fig. 3. Fig. 3 depicts a gyricon or twisting-ball display, as disclosed in US Patent No. 5,754,332 (Crowley), incorporated herein by reference. The display includes bichromal balls 63 which are each deployed in a cavity or well 66 formed in a polymer substrate 68 which has a flat upper surface 65 and is borne on a metal foil backing 67. Bichromal balls have a light side and a dark side, as shown in Fig. 3. Substrate 68 is swelled by a

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